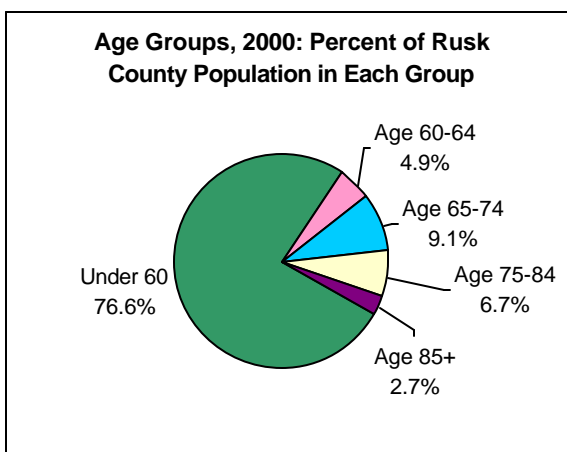

Rusk County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Rusk County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (18.5% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (2.7% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,832 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 411 of these are age 85 or older. Rusk County's average (or median) age is 40.0 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Rusk County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	15,347		15,079		268	1.8%
Persons 60 and over	3,590	23.4%	3,492	23.2%	98	2.8%
Persons 65 and over	2,832	18.5%	2,758	18.3%	74	2.7%
Persons 85 and over	411	2.7%	288	1.9%	123	42.7%



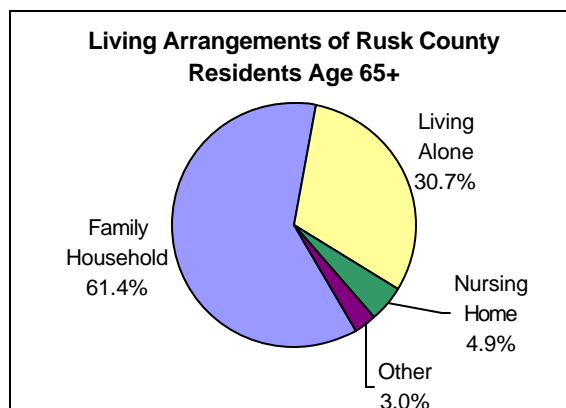
Race:

A large majority (98.9%) of Rusk County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Rusk County African Americans have a median age of 21.4 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 19.4 years. Whites, in contrast, average 40.3 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 6,095 households in Rusk County, 1,968 include at least one person age 65 or older (32.3% of all households). A total of 1,844 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 80.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.4%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.1% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 139 people age 65 and older live in Rusk County nursing homes (4.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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